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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/807,301

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For: COMBINATION OF DRIVE POWER
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THEREFOR

Group Art Unit: 3681

Examiner: LEWIS, T.

SIR:

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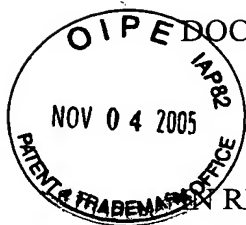
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In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, Applicants herein elect group I corresponding to claims 1 and 3, drawn to housing receiving clutch, classified in class 74, subclass 606r **with traverse** for prosecution in the present application.

Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

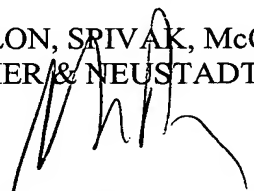
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Reply to Office Action of October 4, 2005

In the present application any search of the elected claims would also include the classes and subclasses appropriate for searching the non-elected claims, and so then would be no undue burden if all of the claims were examined together.

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